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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

For the purposes of line numbers referred to herein, lines of text as well as blank lines between paragraphs are counted. Accordingly, the first full paragraph on page 2, for example, is designated herein as beginning at line 8 of the text as originally filed, the second full paragraph on page 2 begins at line 14 of the text as originally filed, and so on.

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2, as follows:

--As illustrated in the examples, the products of the present invention have ~~has~~—certain remarkable physical characteristics. One such attribute is the presence ~~presents~~ of grottos on the part of the surface with altered surface properties. These grottos provide better access for the water to the hydrocolloids, thereby altering the water absorption properties and profile.--

On page 5, after the title "Detailed Disclosure" and before line 10, insert the following new paragraph:

--Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given

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hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--.

On page 40, after the last line, please insert the following new paragraph:

--The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--.